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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 882  
By Winningham

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Phil Newport and the 1997-1998 Oneida High School girls' basketball team on reaching the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A State Tournament.

WHEREAS, the awesome 1997-1998 Oneida High School girls' basketball team has carried on the championship tradition of the school, playing with tremendous skill and reaching the prestigious Tennessee Secondary Athletic Association Class A State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Oneida won the District 4-A tournament, to the thunderous cheers of their many fans; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Indians next beat three highly-regarded teams, Cosby 57-38, Greenback 61-34 and Wartburg 66-57, to win the coveted Region 2-A Tournament championship; and

WHEREAS, in the crucial substate game, they defeated Hancock County 67-64, in a hard-fought contest; and

WHEREAS, this talented squad chalked up a rare 20-victory season; and

WHEREAS, highly-regarded Coach Phil Newport and Assistant Coach Scott Gregory have taken another significant step in their goal of winning a state championship; and

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WHEREAS, team honorees include Jodi Potter, Region Tournament Most Valuable Player and All-District selection, Jodi Wright, All-Region Tournament and All-District choice; and Rebekah Pike and Jera Marcum, both earning All-District honors; and

WHEREAS, the team members include Senior: Tina Strunk; Junior: Tiffany Boyatt; Sophomores Kasey Baldwin, Angie Boyatt, Amanda Goad, Hillary Marcum, Crystal Terry, Sarah Walker; Freshmen: Amanda Armstrong, Amanda Brewster, Amber Brown, Beth Davis, Tiffany Day, Samantha Phillips, LaKeisha Walker; and

WHEREAS, Oneida High School Principal Rick Harper has strongly supported the team; and

WHEREAS, the enthusiastic cheerleaders were: Courtney Bond, Jaclyn Reed, Rachel Laxton, Angel Phillips, Jordan Murphy, Carissa Foster, Sabrina Byrd Casey Litton and Amanda Sexton; and

WHEREAS, the statistician was Max Huff, who along with scorekeeper Brom Shoemaker, contributed immeasurably to the team's success this year; and

WHEREAS, it is indeed fitting that we honor some of our best and brightest athletes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Phil Newport and the 1997-1998 Oneida High School girls' basketball team and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school, to each person mentioned above and to each team member, with this final clause omitted from such copies.